

AMENDMENT IN THE SPECIFICATION

In original paragraph [0020]:

Referring now to the drawings, and particularly to Figures 1-3 a preferred embodiment of the cord organizer of the present invention is shown and generally designated by the reference numeral 10. The cord organizer 10 includes a base 12 having a first L-shaped end 14 and ~~a~~ an opposed second L-shaped end 16 with the long side of each end 14 and 16 being coplanar and the short side of each end extending from a common surface 15. Preferably, the short sides of ends 14 and 16 extend perpendicularly from the base 12 to provide facing sidewalls 18 and 20 to prevent a cord coiled around the base from slipping off of the ends of the base. The base 12 can include a first base member 22 that defines the first L-shaped end 14 and a second base member 24 that defines the second L-shaped end 16. The first base member 22 that is telescopically received by ~~a~~ the second base member 24 along the long sides of each L-shaped end 14 and 16. The first base member 22 can be slid into and out of the second base member 24 to adjust the length of the base 12 to accommodate cords of various lengths. The first base member 22 can be in frictional engagement with the second base member 24. Preferably, the base 12 includes a positive locking means, described in detail below, for releasably securing the first base member 22 to the second base member 24 so as to prevent inadvertent adjustment of the length of the base.

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A flexible strap 26 is attached at a first end 28 to the end of the short side of the first L-shaped end 14 and extends upwardly therefrom ~~the first end 14 of the base~~ with the second end 30 of the strap free from permanent attachment and being ~~is~~ adapted to be securely received by a slot 32 formed longitudinally through the short side of the second L-shaped end 16 of the base 12.